

Abstract

5           A method of manufacturing a product having a  
plurality of components where at least some of the components  
are manufactured by different companies at differing locations.  
The method comprises the steps of: providing an electronic  
specification sheet describing the product and its components;  
forwarding the specification sheet to one of the several  
10       companies; the specific company building the component or  
product; the specific company testing the component or product;  
the specific company appending the test results to the  
specification; the specific company determining if the product  
is completed; and either shipping the finished product to the  
15       customer or forwarding the specification to another one of the  
several companies.